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- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

 - international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-18	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. NOVELTY AND INVENTIVE STEP

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1 : KR 2002-63068 A (JO WON HYUNG ET AL.) 1 August 2002

D2 : JP 09-116605 A (SONY CORPORATION) 2 May 1997

D3 : JP 11-220523 A (SANYO ELECTRIC CO., LTD.) 10 August 1999

D4 : JP 2003-15808 A (KATO SHUNJI) 17 January 2003

The subject matter of claim 1-10 is considered to be a input apparatus including a keypad comprising consonant letters marked on each key of the keypad, and vowel letters arranged in at four directions along the sliding direction of the keypad:

D1 discloses an apparatus and an method of inputting a character using a keypad such as a joy stick and a touch screen in which a plurality of signal sensing units are installed.

D2 discloses the miniaturized telephone set wherein three operation keys have operating functions to which an entry function of numerals and symbols corresponding to four operating positions is assigned. A discrimination means discriminates any operated key among the operation keys and also discriminates a numeral and/or a symbol entered by the operation of the operation key.

D3 discloses a communication terminal including a keypad and a touch panel entry device which provides an output of a signal denoting the presence of contact to its entry plane and a moving amount and a moving direction of a part which is in contact with the input plane.

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Supplemental Box

In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.
Continuation of:

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D4 disclose a tough-type key input apparatus comprising a plurality of character keys having at least two characters on its surface, an input discrimination means for detecting that a character key is touched and capable of discriminating the movement direction in bar touch input to be inputted, a character selection/output means for selecting and outputting a character displayed at the movement direction side with respect to a character key reference position in accordance with the movement direction discriminated by the input discrimination means.

The prior arts do not disclose the subject matter of claims 1-10. Even though the prior arts may be combined, it is not obvious to a skilled person in a mobile communication to derive the subject matter of claims 1-10 from the prior arts.

Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-10 is considered to have novelty and an inventive step.

The subject matter of claims 11-18 relates to manufacturing method of the subject matter of claims 1-10. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 11-18 is considered to have novelty and an inventive step.

2. INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

Claims 1-18 are considered to have industrial applicability.